REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Status

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 19-23, 25-27, 31-34, 37, 38, and 41 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 6-8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 31-34, 37, and 38. Claims 39 and 40 have been canceled herein.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The claims have been allowed, and a Notice of Allowance was issued on June 4, 2007. The Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

The amendments herein were requested by Examiner Broome in a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney, Steven W. Smith, on June 29, 2007.

Claims 3, 5-8, 10, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 31-34, 37, and 38 are dependent claims that have been amended to begin with "The" rather than "A".

Claims 15, 20, 23, and 26 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claims.

3.) Conclusion

Entry of the foregoing amendments and the issuance of a revised Notice of Allowability for claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 19-23, 25-27, 31-34, 37, 38, and 41 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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